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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/823,416	Applicant(s) SELMON ET AL.
	Examiner Philip Gray	Art Unit 3767

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 April 2010.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,4,13,20,21,25 and 26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,4,13,20,21,25 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/06)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to applicant's communication of 4/26/2010.

Elected claims 1, 4, 13, 20-21, 25-26 are pending and rejected below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 4, 13, 20-21, 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Makower et al. (U.S. 6,190,353). Makower discloses a method and apparatus for bypassing arterial obstruction and performing other transvascular procedures with a system comprising a single guide wire (GW as in figure 10c, 10c", and 10c'') a catheter body with lumen (700), a catheter endpiece including a deflection housing (700 distal end as shown in figure 10c" and 10c''), a least one distal port (distal most end of 700), one lateral opening (side port that element 102 and GW exits from in figure 10c") in communication with the lumen; a working element (curved sharpened distal tip near 728), note that the working element would be in a straight configuration when positioned in the catheter body prior to the working element leaving the lateral opening in a curved configuration, further note the deflection housing (near distal end of 700) would allow the guide wire to pass either the distal or lateral port (as shown in figure 2a). Concerning claim 4 it is examiners position that the catheter lumen 700 is

uniform. Concerning claim 13 it is examiners position that Makower working element distal tip near 728 contains a preformed resilient tip, see figure 10c" and 10c""". Concerning claims 20-21 see figures 2A-5d, 6a-13e. Concerning claims 25-26 see column 46 lines 51-65 concerning handpiece 706 and 710.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 4/26/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's argue that the amendments to the claims concerning the working element "...comprising a cannula with a lumen for traversing over the single guide wire and having a curved distal section and a sharpened distal tip..." and the curved distal section of the cannula being in a straight configuration when positioned within the catheter body and in a curved configuration when extending from the lateral opening, the deflection housing being configured to allow the guide wire to pass through either of the distal port or the lateral opening ..." is not shown in Makower. Examiner is of the position that Makower does disclose these limitations. See rejection above specifically. Examiner is of the position that the Makower catheter and working element would be in a straight configuration until the working element is deployed from the lateral distal opening and would leave the opening in a curved configuration. The elements disclosed in Makower are fully capable of satisfying all structural, functional, spatial, and operational limitations in the amended claims, as currently written, and the rejection is made and proper.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gray whose telephone number is (571)272-7180. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Sirmons can be reached on (571) 272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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